tourist centers, important pilgrimage places and important national highways etc. These connections are expected to be rolled out during the current financial year subject to clearance of the BSNL radio transmission sites from SACFA (Standing Advisory Committee on Frequency Allocation) angle.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

BSNL plan for CMTS connections in the North Eastern Region

SI.No.	Name of State	No. of CMTS connections planned
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	14300
2.	Manipur	8300
3.	Meghalaya	7300
4.	Mizoram	8300
5.	Nagaland	8300
6.	Tripura	6300
7.	Assam	42550
	TOTAL	95350

Introduction of cell phones in N.E. States

1209. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to introduce cell phones in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the number of mobile phones earmarked against each State of the North Eastern Region;

(c) what is the position of the State of Tripura in terms of population and the number of such phones amongst the State of NER; and

(d) the steps likely to be taken by Government to minimise the gaps on a comparative scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) For Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS), Assam and North East Telecom Circle Service Areas cover the North Eastern Region. Licences for providing CMTS in these two Service Areas have been granted to Indian companies including Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) (a Public Sector Undertaking). In terms of number of CMTS connections, no target has been fixed by the Government for the CMTS Licensees in any of the Service Areas, including for North-Eastern States, and it is also not linked to population. However, BSNL have planned for providing a total of 95350 CMTS connections in these two Service Areas out of which 6300 connections are planned for Tripura.

Vacation of premises of Post Offices in Krishna Nagar, East Delhi

1210. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Head Post Office and Branch Post Office both at Krishna Nagar (East Delhi)have been shifted from there causing residents to great inconvenience;

(b) the reasons for vacating the premises where these post offices were working for long;

(c) the reasons for not making a alternative arrangements in Krishna Nagar before shifting these offices elsewhere; and

(d) by when, a post office would be opened in Krishna Nagar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir. Krishna Nagar Head Post Office is functioning from a departmental building since 8-8-1990.Krishna Nagar Bazar Sub-Post Office has been temporarily shifted with effect from 29.12.2001 from a rented building to Krishna Nagar Head Post Office building.